IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 24, 32, 42, and 45 and cancel claims 41 and 44 as follows:

1-23. (CANCELED)

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Apparatus for generating a live video broadcast in which information to be broadcast develops during said broadcast and said information is reflected in three-dimensional text included with said broadcast, comprising:

(a) video signal generation means for generating a live video signal;

(b) a text input device and text input receiving means for receiving input text from said text input device;

(c) an object database arranged to store a template of three dimensional preferences for input text in one or more objects;

(d) a display means configured to display contents of the object database for the template in a first window, wherein the first window comprises:

(i) an object number referencing column;

(ii) an object referencing column;

(iii) an object type column;

(iv) an object value column; and

(v) a timecode display column;

(e) text generating means for generating three dimensional text by formatting said input text in accordance with the three dimensional preferences of said template; and

(f) combining means arranged to combine said three dimensional text with said live video signal to produce a broadcast signal.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said text input device is a manually operable keyboard.

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said text input device is a real-time database.

27. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said three-dimensional preferences are defined by a movement or by a alpha-numeric input.

28. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said three-dimensional preferences specify a behaviour that takes place as text is added.

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said three-dimensional preferences specify a rotation in two-dimensions or in three-dimensions.

30. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said three-dimensional preferences define a scaling factor, an extrusion, a texture, or a light source, or any combination of the aforesaid preferences.

31. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said object database is arranged to store a plurality of available templates wherein one of said templates is selected for a particular application.

32. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for generating a live video broadcast wherein information to be broadcast in three-dimensional text develops during said broadcast, the method comprising:

(a) generating a live video signal;

(b) receiving input text from an input device;

(c) reading a template of three-dimensional preferences, stored in one or more objects, for said input text from an object database;

(d) displaying the three-dimensional preferences of the template in a first window, wherein the first window comprises:

(i) an object number referencing column;

(ii) an object referencing column;

(iii) an object type column;

(iv) an object value column; and

(v) a timecode display column;

(e) generating three-dimensional text by formatting said input text in accordance with said three-dimensional preferences of said template; and

(f) combing said three-dimensional text with said live video to produce a broadcast signal.

33. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to claim 32, wherein said text input device is a manually operable keyboard.

34. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to claim 32, wherein said text input device is a real-time database.

35. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to claim 32, wherein said three-dimensional preferences are defined by a movement or by a alpha-numeric input.

36. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to claim 32, wherein said three-dimensional preferences specify a behavior that takes place as text is added.

37. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to claim 32, wherein said three-dimensional preferences specify a rotation in two-dimensions or in three-dimensions.

38. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to claim 32, wherein said three-dimensional preferences define a scaling factor, an extrusion, a texture, or a light source, or any combination of the aforesaid preferences.

39. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to claim 32, wherein said object database is arranged to store a plurality of available templates wherein one of said templates is selected for a particular application.

40. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to claim 32, wherein said preferences define the position of said three-dimensional text.

41. (CANCELLED)

42. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Apparatus for generating a live video broadcast in which information to be broadcast develops during said broadcast and said information is reflected in three-dimensional text included with said broadcast, comprising:

(a) video signal generation means for generating a live video signal;

(b) a text input device and text input receiving means for receiving input text from said text input device;

(c) an object database arranged to store a template of three dimensional preferences for input text in one or more objects;

(d) a display means configured to:

(i) display contents of the object database for the template in a first window;

(ii) ~~The apparatus according to claim 24 wherein the display means is configured to~~ display a second window when an object displayed in the first window is selected, said second window comprising:

(1) a template properties referencing column comprising one or more properties of the object; and

(2) a template property value column comprising one or more values for each property displayed in the template properties referencing column.;

(e) text generating means for generating three dimensional text by formatting said input text in accordance with the three dimensional preferences of said template; and

(f) combining means arranged to combine said three dimensional text with said live video signal to produce a broadcast signal.

43. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 24 wherein the first window provides a graphical user interface for a user to edit the contents of the object database displayed in the first window in text based columns.

44. (CANCELLED)

45. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for generating a live video broadcast wherein information to be broadcast in three-dimensional text develops during said broadcast, the method comprising:~~The method according to claim 32~~

(a) generating a live video signal;

(b) receiving input text from an input device;

(c) reading a template of three-dimensional preferences, stored in one or more objects, for said input text from an object database;

(d) displaying the three-dimensional preferences of the template in a first window,

(e) ~~further comprising~~ displaying a second window when an object, for a three-dimensional preference, displayed in the first window is selected, said second window comprising:

(i) a template properties referencing column comprising one or more properties of the object; and

(ii) a template property value column comprising one or more values for each property displayed in the template properties referencing column;

(e) generating three-dimensional text by formatting said input text in accordance with said three-dimensional preferences of said template; and

(f) combing said three-dimensional text with said live video to produce a broadcast signal.

46. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 32 wherein the first window provides a graphical user interface for a user to edit the contents of the object database displayed in the first window in text-based columns.